

# THE COLUMBUS-ATHENS ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP (ASF) AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Purpose

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) is improving the health of vulnerable people now and for the future by developing a corps of Leaders in Service—professionals skilled in creating positive change with and in our communities, our health and human service systems, and our world.

Launched in September 2010 and hosted by the OSU College of Medicine, the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program administers and supports 12-month community service Fellowships that are conducted in Columbus and Athens. Participants are students whose fields of study and/or personal interests are relevant to the goals and mission of the program.

Schweitzer Fellows design and carry out projects that provide at least 200 hours of service in partnership with an existing community agency and under the supervision of an academic and community-based mentor. Fellows also attend an orientation retreat and monthly meetings and participate in reflective leadership development programming.

## Impact

Since 2010, the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program has selected 44 Fellows to carry out direct service projects with underserved populations in Franklin and Athens Counties.

Thus far, they have contributed more than 5,000 hours of service to local community agencies, schools, and free clinics. They have worked with adults and children from low income families, the elderly, the disabled, Somali immigrants, and other vulnerable populations.

### OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (HOST)  
COLLEGE OF NURSING  
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
FISHER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

### OTHER UNIVERSITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE  
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY

### CORPORATE PARTNERS INVOLVED

OHIOHEALTH  
NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## Governance

Columbus-Athens ASF is one of 12 Schweitzer Fellowship sites around the U.S. Each site has a local Advisory Board; educators and community leaders engaged in program support, advocacy, and fund raising. The site is a program of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, located in Boston. As holder of the 501 (c) (3) status, the National Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility and ultimate authority for policy setting.



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